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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Yuwen Pan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 1504.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5, 7-19 and 28-33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 20-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 24 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 6, and 20-27 in the reply filed on 6/15/04 is acknowledged.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-33 are objected to because of the following informalities: amendment practice, 37 CFR 1.121 has been revised, a sample amendment document questions and answers, and other information on the practice are posted on the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/moreinfoamdtprac.htm> . ,
Appropriate correction is required.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Green, Jr (US Patent No. 5,701,595).

Green discloses that a telecommunications device having an antenna, comprising: a bi-directional switched amplifier, said amplifier being switched between transmit and receive modes (see figure 5), said bi-directional switched amplifier further being located physically

adjacent to said antenna (see figure 1 and item 10), such that signal losses between said bi-directional switched amplifier and said antenna are negligible (see column 5 and lines 23-32).

5. Claim 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cripps (US005329249A).

Green discloses that a direct current power injector for a remote bi-directional switched RF amplifier, comprising: a source of direct current connected to said remote bi-directional switched RF amplifier through a current sensor (figure 6 and items 36, 40), a connection from said current sensor through a capacitor to a radio transceiver (figure 5 and C1).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 20-23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art of record doesn't teach that a bi-directional switched RF amplifier comprises a double pole, double throw switch, one switch pole connected to said radio external connection and the other switch pole being connected to said antenna external connection, said position of said double pole, double throw switch being controlled by a transmit power sense circuit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Claims 26 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base

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claim and any intervening claims. Prior art of record doesn't teach that said current sensor comprises a power resistor with two terminals in series between said source of direct current and said remote bi-directional switched RF amplifier, and a differential voltage comparator is connected across said power resistor terminals to determine the operational mode of said remote bi-directional switch amplifier.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ge (US006681100B1) discloses smart amplifier for time division duplex wireless applications.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yuwen Pan whose telephone number is 703-305-7372. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on 703-308-6739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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